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ASBURY PARK CONFERENCE

THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the American Library Association will be held at Asbury Park, New Jersey, June 23-28, 1919. Headquarters will be at the New Monterey Hotel.

The policy of returning to a point where we met so recently is a new one, but there are reasons that seemed to make it not only justifiable but advisable. The high railroad rates seemed to make a trip to the Rockies or further west entirely out of the question; the important reports and business of the war service make it advisable to hold the meeting nearer the center of library population than any point west of the Mississippi would be; the Executive Board sought in vain for an adequate *resort* between the Alleghanies and the Mississippi (Mackinac being quite out of the question due to its distance from library centers), and few favor a mid-west *city* in summer; furthermore Asbury Park has proved by actual experience a very satisfactory place of meeting. By a combination of circumstances, moreover, the New Monterey was able to offer better rates than could ordinarily be expected in these days of high costs of a hotel of its standard of excellence.

New Monterey rates will be as follows: Two persons in a double room with double bed, \$4.00 each daily; two persons in a double room with twin beds, \$4.50 each daily; four persons occupying two double connection rooms with bath, \$5.50 each daily; two persons occupying a double

room with double bed and private bath, \$5.50 each daily, and two persons in a double room with twin beds and private bath, \$6.00 each daily.

The New Monterey can care comfortably for about 500, assuming that there will be about the usual amount of "doubling up." The other hotels and boarding houses which we used in 1916 will again be available. Rates have not yet been settled with all these, but they will for the most part be less than those of the New Monterey. An attempt will be made to accommodate all purses and so make it possible for a large number of the inadequately paid librarians and assistants to attend.

The general sessions will be held, as in 1916, in the Auditorium across the street from the New Monterey, and the meetings of the sections and affiliated societies in the New Monterey and adjacent hotels.

Those who attended the 1916 conference need no reminder of the charm of Asbury Park—the invigorating ocean air, the fine stretch of beach, the board walk, the fresh-water lakes so accessible for rowing and canoeing, the smooth auto roads, and the broad hotel porches so conducive to informal conferences and renewal of acquaintances.

Needless to say the New Jersey librarians are promising their help in every way possible to make the conference a success.

More definite information on hotel rates, travel, program and other matters will be given in a later issue.

PRELIMINARY TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Asbury Park is very accessible by rail from all parts of the country, being reached from points west either via Philadelphia or New York City. There is a possibility of running a special train, or Pullmans through to the meeting place, but if such an arrangement is not provided for, a sin-

gle change of cars will be necessary.

North Asbury Park is the nearest station to the hotels which the A. L. A. will occupy, and is used jointly by the Pennsylvania railroad and the Central railroad of New Jersey.

Ordinarily a summer service from New